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EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON KUNOPALPUR SANCTUARY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Union Government on the Kunopalpur Sanctuary located in Madhya Pradesh in the current year;

(b) the number of villages vacated for the Kuno Sanctuary;

(c) whether the displaced villagers have been rehabilitated; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Gir lions are likely to be brought into the above Sanctuary?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) During the current financial year i.e. 2007-08, no funds have been released to Kuno-Palpur Sanctuary. However, during the last financial year i.e. 2006-07, Rs. 249.84 lakhs were released to Kuno-Palpur Sanctuary.

(b)&(c) As per the information available, 1545 families of 24 villages have been rehabilitated outside the sanctuary.

(d) No time frame has been fixed for the translocation of lions in Kuno-Palpur Sanctuary..